

BIG SHAKE-UP IN LIBRARY COMING

The Board Will Meet To-
Night to Take Final
Action in Matter.

LONG SESSION NOT EXPECTED

Members Have All Facts Before
Them and Are Probably
Ready to Vote at Once.
The Public Looking
for Several
Changes.

Out of a meeting of the Library
Board, which is scheduled for 8:30
o'clock to-night, will come a climax
to the prolonged controversy over the
State Library situation and it will
probably mean the retirement of Librarian
Kennedy and some of his assistants.

No one is authorized to speak for
the board in the matter, and the mem-
bers will not discuss for publication
their probable action; but the impres-
sion has long prevailed that the situa-
tion has reached a stage which de-
mands some changes in the interest
of the public service, and it is believed
that a majority of the board are of
this opinion. It looks as if the main
division will occur on the method of
making changes.

As is well known, the board has for
some time been in possession of Mr.
Kennedy's resignation, and it is a
question whether, if it is determined
to retire the librarian, the resignation
will be simply accepted or Mr. Kennedy
will be removed from office. If Mr.
Kennedy goes, other changes will al-
most certainly follow, as it is known
that some of the members are of the
belief that the present chaotic situa-
tion has been contributed to by cer-
tain of Mr. Kennedy's assistants, as
well as by the librarian himself.

Meeting of Board.

The board will meet in the library
in executive session at 8:30 o'clock, and
a final conclusion as to the entire
matter is expected at one sitting.
Chairman Armistead C. Gordon, of
Staunton, will preside, and other
members are Messrs. John W. Fish-
burne, of Charlottesville; Theodore S.
Garnett, of Norfolk; and Charles V.
Merrell and S. S. P. Patterson, of this
city. They will all be present, barring
some unforeseen happening.

The library matter has dragged on
through many months, and has bristled
now and then with fiery and exciting
incidents. The Legislative Committee,
which was last winter looking
into the school question, acci-
dentally stumbled on the irregularities
afterward laid bare in the library.
There had long been rumors that
the librarian had been buying and
selling books and manuscripts "on the
side," and Chairman Byrd, with his
Messrs. Evans, Berkeley, Eckenrode
and other assistants, and examined them
privately and separately with
reference to the entire situation.
Later, he called a gentlemen on
the stand in public, and they told
various alleged transactions relating
to the purchase and sale of books pri-
vately, and of alleged over-charges for
books purchased in New York by Mr.
Kennedy for the school traveling lib-
raries. In this manner, the famous
Burk's history transaction came out.
It was proven by several witnesses
that the library had been sold to
him by Mr. Kennedy, that he had
bought it for \$2,000, and sold it for
\$1,000, and that he had used the
name of the library throughout the
correspondence relating to the
transaction. It was alleged that the
library had been sold to him by Mr.
Kennedy, that he had bought it for
\$2,000, and sold it for \$1,000, and
that he had used the name of the
library throughout the correspond-
ence relating to the transaction.

As to History-Writing.

It was from Mr. Kennedy's assis-
tants that the first information was
obtained concerning an offer made by
the librarian to write a history of Vir-
ginia, and when he testified on this
point he said it was Mrs. Kennedy
who made him the offer.
Mr. Kennedy testified at great length
before the Legislative Committee, and
as the controversy went on there was
much cross-firing between him and
other library employees, tending stead-
ily to show that the situation had
been strained to a point where
changes in the staff were almost
necessary in the interest of a proper
public service.

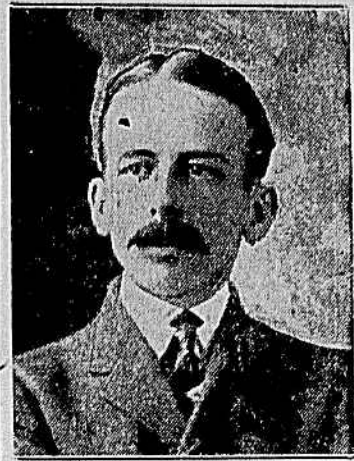
Has Been Aggravated.

Any feeling that may have been en-
gendered at the first inquiry was ag-
gravated by the second, and when the
board had completed the taking of tes-
timony, "the last estate of the library,"
so far as estrangements between the em-
ployees were concerned.
Now it is squarely "up to" the board,
and it is believed that this will be
met promptly, and that its verdict will
meet the requirements of the situation.
No one knows definitely that Mr. Ken-
nedy will be relieved of duty, but all
indications seem to point strongly that
on the eve of the final meeting, and
if this shall be the result, the
board will have to select his successor.

Public Deeply Interested.

It may be that the members already
have some one in mind for the place,
but they have, nor are they even saying
how they feel about making any
changes in the present force.
No public issue which has been in
controversy in Virginia in years has
created more widespread interest or

BOARD WILL PASS UPON RESIGNATION TO-NIGHT



STATE LIBRARIAN J. P. KENNEDY.

NEGRO STRIKERS ATTACK ITALIAN STRIKE-BREAKERS

Foreigners Brought to Newport
News to Take Place of Negro
Longshoremen.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 7.—
Striking negro longshoremen attacked
a party of Greeks and Italians em-
ployed by The Merchants' and Miners'
Transportation Company beneath the
Chesapeake and Ohio coal docks.
A number of pistol shots were fired,
and great lumps of coal were thrown
off the docks. One man was struck
by coal, but no one was seriously hurt.
The Greeks and Italians fled, and
would not return to work until a
squad of policemen under Chief Rey-
nolds escorted them to the piers.
Arrangements have been made to
have them taken to and from the piers
every night by the officers.
When the officers arrived, and no ar-
rests were made. About two hundred
foreigners are now employed by the
Old Dominion Steamship Company and
Merchants' and Miners', and others
will be brought here during the next
few days. The striking negroes prob-
ably will not be employed again.

"JACK" WILMERDING SEEKS A DIVORCE

Sues the Great-Granddaughter of
Commodore Vanderbilt for
His Freedom.

NEW YORK, April 7.—It became
known yesterday that "Jack" Wil-
merding had brought suit in the Su-
preme Court for an absolute divorce
from his wife, the daughter of Van-
derbilt Allen, grandson of "Commo-
dore" Vanderbilt. Justice MacLean
on Thursday granted an order allowing
Mrs. Wilmerding to be served with a
copy of the complaint in the action
by publication.
The suit is the sequel to a cable-
gram from London announcing that
Mrs. Wilmerding and a man who gave
his name as James Coates, were mar-
ried in London January 14, 1907, at
the Registrar's office in Paddington.
The bride, who gave her full name as
Marie Fatimah Da Lex Wilmerding,
said she was the widow's daughter
of Vanderbilt Allen. Coates said he
was thirty-five and a bachelor.
"Jack" Wilmerding in his complaint
says there were signed articles of
separation between him and his wife,
but never any divorce. It was stated
at the office of Charles A. Conlon, No.
71 Broadway, counsel for Wilmerding,
that Coates was a valet formerly in
the service of the late Commodore Van-
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MISTOOK BOOKER T. FOR PULLMAN PORTER

Colored Leader Also Asked to
Make Up Berth, But
He Couldn't.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Booker T. Wash-
ington, addressing 3,000 colored people
at Olivet Baptist Church, said: "As
long as I live my home will be down
there among the black men of the
South."
"Every kind of honest labor is hon-
orable," he said, "but the negro should
rise to the more dignified stations of
life."
"The negro is so associated with
certain humble walks of life that only
this morning, in the train, a traveler
took me for a porter and asked me
the way to the dining-car. I told him,
they often have asked me to make up
a berth, but I had to decline be-
cause I didn't know how."

MILLIONAIRE SOAP-MAKER INJURED IN RUNAWAY

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 7.—
Robert Scholze, millionaire soap
manufacturer and tanner, was thrown
from his buggy early to-day and sus-
tained injuries which it is feared will
prove fatal within a few hours.
Hemorrhage of the brain was caused
by the force of the fall, and the phy-
sicians pronounce his recovery im-
possible.
Mr. Scholze came here as a young
man from Saxony, without money, and
started a small tannery.

EX-PRES. OF GUATEMALA ASSASSINATED BY BOY

MEXICO CITY, April 7.—Former Pres-
ident Jose Lizardo Barrillas, of Guate-
mal, was assassinated in this city to-
night by the House of Congress by a
young Guatemalan named Cabrera, eight-
een years old.

"ROOSEVELT" SAY MANY EDITORS

Declares He Is Stronger
Then Ever and Must
Be President.

HE POINTS AGAIN TO HIS DECLARATION

Says He Has Practically Served
Two Terms and That He
Will Not Break Wise
Custom of Declin-
ing a Third
Term.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The
White House to-day declined to
make any comment upon the opin-
ions of the Republican editors that
President Roosevelt is more popu-
lar today than when he was over-
whelmingly elected in 1904, and
that in the judgment of many of
them he should be a candidate in
1908. Although unwilling to com-
ment upon this extraordinary tes-
timony, the White House again
called attention to the statement
issued by the President on the night
of election day, 1904, when he
said:
"On the 4th of March next I
shall have served three and a half
years, and this three and a half
years constitutes my first term.
The wise custom which limits the
Presidents to two terms regards
the substance and not the form.
Under no circumstances will I be a
candidate for or accept another
nomination."
On a great many different occa-
sions since that night the Presi-
dent has reiterated in one form or
another, this determination not to
accept the nomination next year,
and in spite of the many appeals
from all parts of the country, the
President feels that at last he has
persuaded the majority of his party
to believe that he was absolutely
sincere in his determination not to
be a candidate again, and with that
he is content to stand on his elec-
tion night declaration.

NEW YORK, April 7.—On Monday
last The New York Times addressed
to the editors of 500 Republican papers
a letter requesting the opinion of each
as to whether President Roosevelt is
as popular and as strong generally
with the voters as he was at the time
of his election.

Up to the present, sixty-eight edi-
tors have replied. The answer of the
Republicans of the country, as it is
confidently, eagerly, and enthusias-
tically expressed by these editors, is
one unanimous shout of praise for
Roosevelt, but many of them de-
clared themselves on the third-term
question. It is declared from every
hand that he is stronger in the af-
fections of the people than ever be-
fore. From Maine to Minnesota, these
men, so close to public opinion, wait
in affirming that the President has so
grown in the public confidence and
admiration since his assumption of
the chief magistracy that he is now
the absolute idol of his party and of
thousands of habitual opponents of
his party. He is held to be the in-
carnation of the popular instinct
for a vigorous administration, the em-
bodiment of the "square deal" prin-
ciple.

"Where he has made one enemy since
the beginning of his term of office
judges of the trend of opinion in this
country, declare with a unanimity
of eulogy several widely separated
editors. Some note a tendency to follow
Roosevelt implicitly, to believe that
he is right because Roosevelt believes and
does it. Some perceive that the first
impulsive admiration which was given
a somewhat spectacular martial hero
has passed into a thoughtful and
earnest trust in his wisdom, and
on the whole his wisdom. "Never
before so strong," "Stronger than
when he was overwhelmingly elected,"
are phrases which scarcely one of The
Times's correspondents has succeeded
in avoiding.

In short, there is no escaping from,
or evading, the fact that if the Re-
publican editors of the country are
judges of the trend of opinion in their
party, Mr. Roosevelt is the object of
an admiration which it would seem
no other American has ever received.
So far as they undertake to speak for
the country, these editors remain a
curious turning toward the Republic-
an President of the heart of the Demo-
cratic voters, who by the thousand,
it is said, would prefer him to any
other man the Democrats could nominate
out of their own ranks.

USED STOCKING TO HANG HERSELF

Mrs. Hiles, of Mount Holly, Ends
Life by Strangulation While
Temporarily Insane.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 7.—
A temporary insanity is believed to
have been the cause of the suicide of
strangulation, of Mrs. Annie Hiles,
at her home in Medford. She had ex-
actly planned the act for several days
as she had spoken to a prominent
citizen regarding the drawing of her will
which was to have been executed
yesterday.
The body was discovered by a sister,
Mrs. Ezekiah Hiles, who, falling to
rest a moment, went to the bed-
room. She became horror-stricken
when she found her sister suspended
from the bedpost by a stocking, her
face black from strangulation. The
remains were immediately cut down,
neighbors had a physician sum-
moned, but nothing could be done to
restore life.

\$2,000 a Lecture Too Little.

ROME, April 7.—Gabrieli, d'Annun-
zio wants to go to America on a lec-
ture tour, but his terms are appar-
ently prohibitive. Signor Bonetti, the
Italian impresario, offered to pay all
expenses and \$2,000 for each of eight
lectures.
D'Annunzio wrote in reply that he
was disposed to cross the Atlantic, but
"not for a few packets of cigarettes."

A VICTIM OF THE BIG STICK



"I DO NOT CARE TO CONTINUE THIS CONTROVERSY."—E. H. Harriman.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. CHAS. BRUCE

Well-Known Lady Passes Away
While Visiting Granddaughter
in This City.

GREAT SHOCK TO FRIENDS

Was Personally Acquainted With
Clay, Calhoun, Webster and
Other Famous Men.

The sudden death yesterday of Mrs.
Charles Bruce, of "Staunton Hill," at
the home in this city of her grand-
daughter, Mrs. Polham Blackford, came
as a great shock to large circles of
kindred and friends throughout Vir-
ginia.
Mrs. Bruce was born in 1829 in
Fredericksburg, and was a daughter
of Thomas Seddon, of that city, whose
father emigrated from Lancashire,
England, to Virginia early in the
eighteenth century. The mother of Mrs.
Bruce was Susan Pierson Alexander,
who was the daughter of William
Alexander, by his wife Sarah Bruce
Casson. William Alexander was a
descendant of John Alexander, who
emigrated to Virginia about 1659, and
was said to have been of the same
family as the Earl of Sterling.

Noted for Hospitality.

The Seddon home was one of the
handsomest in Fredericksburg, and
was noted for its gracious hospitality.
Mrs. Bruce was the sister of the Hon.
James A. Seddon, who was elected in
1844 to represent the Richmond dis-
trict in Congress, and who was ap-
pointed Secretary of the Confederate
States on November 18, 1862. She be-
came one of the household of her
brother, her guardian, in Washington,
and was prominent belle for some
years in Washington society. She
knew personally Mr. Clay, Mr. Cal-
houn and Mr. Webster, and her recol-
lections of these and other public men
of that day were most interesting.

On September 19, 1848, Mrs. Bruce
married Hon. Charles Bruce, who for
some years represented the Charlotte
and Mecklenburg district in the Vir-
ginia Senate, and Charlotte county
in the Virginia Convention of 1861,
and who at the beginning of the Civil
War raised an artillery company for
the Confederate Army and went into
service as its captain.
Mrs. Bruce was married at her
brother's home, which subsequently
became the White House of the Con-
federacy, and was taken by her hus-
band at once to Staunton Hill, one
of the most beautiful residences of that
time, and until this day, in the
State.

In This Stately Home, to which Mrs.

Bruce came as a bride, noted for re-
markable beauty, great force of char-
acter and unusual intellectual endow-
ments, she presided with much social
distinction and as a devoted wife and
mother through the many eventful
years of her married life, and subse-
quent to the death of her husband in
1896.

Her Family.

Mrs. Bruce is survived by her six
sons: Thomas Seddon, Albert Casson,
Charles Morelle, ex-Secretary and Gov-
ernor pro tem of Arizona Territory;
Philip Alexander, historian; William
Cabel, City Solicitor of Baltimore, and
ex-President of the Maryland Senate;
and James Douglas Bruce, professor of
English in the University of Tennessee.
She lost two children in infancy and
her daughters, Ellen Carter, wife of

ALTON DEAL \$24,668,600

Harriman and His Associates
Reaped That Rich Harvest in
Financing Road.

A CIVIL REMEDY EXISTS

Attorney-General Stead Hands
Governor Deneen Legal Opinion
on the Manipulation.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLS., April 7.—At-
torney-General Stead to-day handed
Governor Deneen an opinion on the ma-
nipulations of the Chicago and Alton
Railroad properties within the last few
years by E. H. Harriman and some of
his financial associates, including G.
J. Gould, James Stillman and Morti-
mer L. Schiff.
The opinion is giving in response to
a request communicated from Governor
Deneen on March 23d (soon after the
return of Governor Deneen and Attor-
ney-General Stead from a conference
with President Roosevelt at Washing-
ton), in which the Attorney-General
was asked to advise what his conclu-
sions are in the matter and what action,
if any, is contemplated by the legal
department of the State.

After sitting out at some length the
various manipulations to which the
railroad corporations and properties
forming the Alton System were sub-
jected, Attorney-General Stead con-
cludes there is not the least doubt that
a civil remedy exists against the "in-
fluencers" who have wrecked this pros-
perous railroad company and, at the ex-
pense of innocent stockholders and
bondholders have gathered to them-
selves a harvest of millions of dollars.

Injures Innocent Holders.

Mr. Stead is doubtful, however,
whether it is the province of the State
of Illinois to enforce the remedy.
The revocation of the company's charter,
which apparently would be the natural
procedure on the part of the State,
would bring most of the suffering upon
innocent stockholders, Harriman and
— (Continued on Second Page.)

WOULD LIMIT PAY OF INSURANCE PRES.

Western States Would Keep
Down Salaries to \$25,000
and \$50,000.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Former Pres-
ident Grover Cleveland, counsel for the
Association of Life Insurance Presi-
dents, has just submitted to that
association a brief in relation to the
matter of salaries paid by life in-
surance companies.
The occasion for its presentation, it
is stated, is the fact that certain West-
ern States have now pending before
their respective legislatures bills that
would limit the salary of life insur-
ance officers to \$25,000 a year, while
in others the limit is fixed at \$50,000
a year. The brief, it is announced,
will be filed to-morrow with the Vir-
ginia Legislature by Robert Lynn
Cox, who will appear at attorney for
the Association of Life Insurance Presi-
dents in opposition to the bill pro-
viding for compulsory investment of
reserve funds in the State largely in-
creased taxation of premium receipts
and other subjects.

FATAL FAMILY SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Enos K. Taylor, a Youth of
Twenty, Shoots His
Uncle.

UNCLE KILLS HIS NEPHEW

Wholesale Shooting Seems to
Have Been Result of a Long-
Standing Feud.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GATE CITY, VA., April 7.—At Yuma,
seven miles from here, this morning,
Enos K. Taylor, aged twenty, shot his
uncle, J. I. Langford, through the
bowels, the ball entering at the side
and passing entirely through the body.
Langford or one of his friends shot
Taylor through the bowels and also
through the neck.
It is not thought possible for Taylor
to live more than a few hours, and
Langford will probably not recover.
The Langford and Taylor families
have been in trouble for several years.
Taylor's mother is a sister to Lang-
ford. Taylor seems to have been the
aggressor, and fired twice before the
shots were returned.

CHICAGO HAS TWO MAYORS

Busse Hastens to City Hall and
Takes the Oath of
Office.

CHICAGO, April 7.—There are two May-
ors of Chicago. Mayor-elect Busse
left the City Hall yesterday in the luncheon
hour, and was sworn in by City
Clerk Anson. The move bewildered
and puzzled Mayor Duane and his staff.
The time set for the inauguration of the new
Mayor was April 15th. The leaders be-
hind him have grown apoplectic over the
general orders of Chief of Police Collins,
which, they charge, were issued to pro-
tect obnoxious Democrats on the force.
The Republicans are after Collins's scalp.
They assert that he used the entire po-
lice force on election day to assist Mayor
Duane.

Since then many officers at headquar-
ters have been transferred to posts under
the civil service, where the Republicans
cannot reach them. Collins himself was
but a captain when appointed. He ex-
pects to go back to his old position, but
his enemies say he cannot go back and
must go.

HAIR TEN INCHES DEEP IN ALABAMA

Fearful Storm in South—Trees
Stripped and Crops
Destroyed.

LELOHATCHIE, ALA., April 7.—A ter-
rible hail wind storm passed over
this community late to-day, accompa-
nyed by a constant electrical display. Hail
fell for fifteen minutes, and in drifts eight to
ten inches deep.
Shrubs and small trees are stripped,
and crops that are out of the ground
will be a total loss.

DELMAS BEGINS ADDRESS TO-DAY

Will Begin Summing Up
After The Recess
Hour.

JEROME WILL END WEDNESDAY

Jury Will Probably Get the Case
Some Time on Thursday After
Justice Fitzgerald's Charge.
Eleven of the Jurors
Have Sat in Crimi-
nal Cases.

NEW YORK, April 7.—When Judge
Fitzgerald to-morrow morning an-
nounces formally the findings of the
commission in lunacy, which inquired
into the present mental condition of
Harry Thaw, the curtain will rise on
the last act of the long case.

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, who
was on the stand when District At-
torney Jerome asked for the appoint-
ment of the commission will, it is un-
derstood, be recalled and allowed to
retire after the further examination of
Mr. Delmas. It is said, will ask an
adjournment until 2 o'clock to-morrow
afternoon. It is because he finds it
impossible to make his address to the
jury in one day that he will make his
opening to-morrow afternoon to leave
him the full day Tuesday in which to
conclude his summing up.

Mr. Delmas remained at his home
to-day putting the finishing touches
on his plea.

District Attorney Jerome is expected
to occupy three or four hours of Wed-
nesday, and his summing up may take
more time. There will then remain
only Justice Fitzgerald's charge before
the case goes to the jury, which can
hardly be later than Thursday, unless
unforeseen obstacles arise. Should the
jurors fail to agree they will probably
be locked up for the night.

Most of the members of the jury
have had previous experience in crimi-
nal cases. Three have sat in homicide
cases before, and eight have been
jurors in criminal cases where the
charge was other than murder. Only
one man never has been a juror pre-
viously. Of the three men who have
sat in homicide cases, one was on a
jury that brought in a verdict of ac-
quittal; the second man was on a jury
in each of which the verdict was
murder in the first degree, and the
third man was on a jury that
brought in a manslaughter verdict.

Thaw passed a quiet day in the
Tombs reading the papers and writing.
He was in unusually good spirits, and
attended religious services.

HAMILTON WILL ANSWER QUESTION

Was Thaw Insane When He
Killed White?—If Acquitted
Thaws Will Travel.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, April 7.—The trial of
Harry K. Thaw goes on to-morrow, and
so confident are his relatives that the
jury will set him free that a member
of the family to-night made a state-
ment in which plans for the future
were outlined.
"We wish to deny," said this repre-
sentative of the Thaw family, "that
Harry Thaw has an ungovernable tem-
per, or that he has ever given evi-
dence of a cruel disposition. The state-
ments made in certain quarters that
several years ago he had been de-
clared by a jury to be insane, and that
they were afraid of being killed are
utterly without foundation. As a mat-
ter of fact, Harry has had only two
valets in the last ten years. Both these
men were devotedly attached to him.
The last valet he had was Boyd, who
died soon after the unfortunate occur-
rence on the Madison Square roof.
"If the jury finds a verdict of 'not
guilty,' which the family most con-
fidently expect, Harry will be joined
immediately by his wife, and they
will go together to the South of
France. They will not be under the
slightest restraint or espionage. No
member of the Thaw family will ac-
company them, and her husband
will have a valet. They will travel
without ostentation, and may stay
several years abroad or until the mem-
ory of this wretched affair has been
effaced."

Delmas's Statement.

The following statement was made
to-night by D. M. Delmas, senior
counsel for Thaw:
"Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton will be
the first witness called when the trial
begins to-morrow. His examination
had not been finished when the pro-
ceedings were postponed by the
application for the appointment of a
commission in lunacy by the district
attorney. It has not been decided by
the court for the defendant whether
Mrs. Evelyn Thaw will be called to
the witness stand."

On Dr. Hamilton's answer to one ques-
tion the verdict Mrs. Thaw will be as-
tounded by. Hamilton has testified that
in his opinion, Thaw is a victim of pro-
gressive paranoia, and incurable.
The commission in lunacy, which was
set up to the present mental condition
of the prisoner, and if Judge Fitzgerald
confirms their report, which lawyers gen-
erally regard as a foregone conclusion,
the vital question Dr. Hamilton will be
called upon to answer is:

The Crux of the Inquiry.

"In your opinion, was the prisoner at
the time sane or insane on the night of
June 26th, when he shot and killed Stan-
ford White?"
It is expected that the district attorney
will enter objections at length, and that
counsel for the defense will reframe it
if overruled by the court. Still, it will
be the crux of the inquiry, and may pos-
sibly prolong the trial far beyond the
time which the lawyers for both sides
agreed upon tacitly last Saturday.
Stripped by the rules of cross-exami-
nation, the district attorney cannot go
beyond a probing of all the reasons for
the answer to the question, but by fre-
quent objections he may provoke other
questions, and so open up lines for a
more searching cross-examination.